

CONVICTS ESCAPE MURDER TWO MEN AND STEAL AUTO

**Daring Criminals Abandon
Motor Car—Take to Flight
—Country Aroused—
Posses Take Up Chase—
Lynching Feared If Pur-
sued Men Are Overtaken**

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PUEBLO, Colo., April 12—Possibly from Walsenburg, Pueblo and Rye will resume the search this morning for two bandits who yesterday afternoon shot and killed E. C. Sparks, of Pueblo and William Hunter of Rye, 11 miles south of Pueblo and escaped in the automobile in which Parks and Hunter were driving.

PUEBLO, Colo., April 11.—Abandoning the automobile stolen from the two men they shot and killed, the bandits, supposed to have escaped from the reformatory at Buena Vista, have taken to the foothills in the neighborhood of Graneros, 25 miles south of Pueblo, and are closely followed by the sheriff's posse.

At 3:45 o'clock this afternoon, the bandits stopped an automobile, which was carrying W. F. Read and William Hunter of Rye, west of Pueblo, 15 miles south of Pueblo on the Rye road. After some parley, the holdups shot and killed Hunter and Parks, threw the bodies out of the car, got in a new car, and fled toward the town of Walsenburg district. Just as the bandits fired the shot that killed Hunter, W. F. Read, cattle inspector, and Jack Parks, both of Pueblo, drove up in an automobile owned by a local automobile company. The bandits fired a shot through the windshield of the approaching car and ordered the men to return to Pueblo, from which direction they were coming. This they did and stopped at a dairy en route to

quarters. The telephone line was out of commission and the two men hurried to Pueblo. As near as can be ascertained, they were the only persons to witness the shooting.

Witnesses Ordered Back

Read stated tonight that he was on his way to the Greenhorn region to inspect some cattle. As near as he can estimate, the shooting of the two men

The bandits shot the second man in the back of the head and then they turned their guns on us. I fired one shot through our windshield and narrowly missed hitting us. They told us it would be safer for us to return to Pueblo, instead of coming to the city. I told them we were going to stay in the city. I told them it did not take much persuasion for their part to convince us that they were right. We turned around a headed for Pueblo, eight miles away.

"Stopping at a dairy on the outskirts of Pueblo we attempted to telephone the police but the line was out of commission. We then turned around our way and picking up all policemen we met, hurried to the city hall where

No report has been received from Pueblo posse since 7 o'clock when it reported the discovery of the car abandoned between Graneros and Cedaredge and it is supposed that the bandits have taken to the foothills in the Greenhorn mountain region, or else a

This region is exceedingly rough, being cut up by many deep arroyos providing excellent hiding places.

Victims Well Known

William Hunter is a farmer residing in the Rye district, and was about 30 years of age. He is married, and has several children. He was a brother of Judge Hunter of Trinidad.

Parks was a salesman for a

Posses Take Up Chase
RYE, Colo., April 11.—Five head

have joined the posses in search of
hangers-on who shot and killed 3300.

6- Hunter of this town and C. E. Pa
of Pueblo, and stole the automobile
which they were riding. Five p

Feeling among the people of this

the mountain resort is running high talk of possible lynching of the men, if captured, is heard on many sides. M. Hunter was one of the prominent and best liked men of the community. He leaves a wife and children, the oldest of whom is 14 years old.

LABOR PARTY ASKS SOVIET RECOGNITION

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 11.—The constitution of the new political party in Illinois was adopted by the delegates

debate which carried the convention into its first night session. The party, according to the first article, shall be known as "Labor Party of Illinois," its chief object, according to article 2, "shall be to unite for independent political action, all men and women who believe in political, social and industrial democracy."

There are 24 articles in the constitution.

The forenoon session was devoted to the adoption of resolutions favoring recognition of the Russian soviet; immediate withdrawal of American

SEBASTAPOL IN DANGER

PARIS, April 11.—The advance of the bolsheviks is likely to force allies to evacuate Sebastapol, on Black sea, near the southern extreme of the Crimea, according to Int